

Press Release:

On April 8, 2013, the United Tribes of Bristol Bay (UTBB) was formed by a group of federally recognized Tribes in the Bristol Bay region. UTBB's primary objective is to advocate for and on behalf of its member Tribes on issues related to large-scale mining and to protect the traditional way of life and the natural resources that tribal members rely on. In organizing a tribal consortium UTBB is carrying forward the Bristol Bay Regional Vision that was conducted over the course of a two year period. That vision identified sustainable resources and subsistence activities as common values of the entire Bristol Bay region. With UTBB's unified authority their powerful tribal voices will be utilized to the fullest extent in exercising government-to-government consultations at the highest level to protect sustainable resources. The trust relationship between the federal government and federally recognized Tribes has been recognized by the Obama Administration as a solemn and serious commitment by the federal government to stand by, and protect, tribal interests. UTBB will be invoking this trust relationship, through tribal consultation, to voice their opposition to Pebble mine which will have unacceptable adverse impacts on the waters, fisheries, and people in the Bristol Bay area. UTBB President Luki Akelkok Sr. stated: "The tribes have been at the forefront of the fight to protect Bristol Bay from large-scale mining and the formation of UTBB is just taking our unified tribal voices to another level, ensuring our indigenous people are heard and that our traditional way of life needs to be protected." The Native American Rights Fund (NARF) has been retained by UTBB to act as counsel and to represent its interests in legal matters.

Mr. Bobby Andrew has been appointed UTBB's spokesperson. He can be contacted by e-mail at: **Ex. 6 PII, Bobby Andrew**